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It is almost a year since the prophetic word of acceleration was given at the London meeting of the AC in September last year.

In this edition of AC Talk I want to share some thoughts that have come out of the experience of the last year of living in the challenge and expectation of the unfolding of the word.

To start, there is the realisation that the word came, not with commands and demands that needed to be blindly obeyed, but rather as an outpouring of "the heart of GOD" for Kingdom advancement. It reveals a wave of His love that is and will continue to be released worldwide. In order to respond to this word, we need to understand that the direction and power for it's outworking will come from the "heart of GOD," and not from smart plans and ideas. So purposefully drawing near to the heart of GOD

is our first and ongoing need. Dallas Willard succinctly captures this truth: -"In our Christian walk, our MAIN FOCUS should be building a personal relationship with GOD and a lesser focus on individual actions and decisions."

I have been challenged in the areas of "hearing GOD" and my prayer life. I have realised that these areas have been focused on intercession for my daily needs for,"sustaining life and trying to discern His will for the future. This at the cost of diminishing times of intimacy with the Trinity. I was focusing on the necessities of sustaining life rather than its eternal essence found only in "the heart of GOD". I have been challenged to pry my focus off circumstances and place it on the PERSON

of love and promise and dig deeper into understanding His heart.

I am convinced that the way ahead for acceleration will not be through methods or programs, but through RELATIONSHIPS, firstly and primarily with GOD and then with each other. Our future then becomes a question, not of WHAT but WHO. We can be stretched when we know who is stretching us and who goes with us into the process.

The outworking of the word of Acceleration will take us beyond the scope of our past experience. I am encouraged to find that the heroes of our faith such as Moses, Gideon, Elijah, Ananias, etc were overwhelmed by the challenges presented to them by GOD. They were not specially anointed individuals, we are just like them. Our future, like their experiences, depend on our opening ourselves to GOD's "impossible" opportunities as co-workers with Him. Your hope should rise when we remember that, like Moses, Gideon, etc, He also believes in you!

GOD is unpredictable as He moves, so the way ahead for acceleration requires flexibility and pliability on our behalf. Jn 3:8 speaks of this. "The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear the sound of it, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So is it with everyone born of the Spirit." It is instructive to note that those closest to Jesus, His disciples, had expectations of Jesus that He never fulfilled. In fact He at times acted out the opposite. – Be flexible!

Perhaps acceleration is not so much doing new things but doing the familiar things that Jesus has already declared in His Word, but doing them from a heart that has been enlarged by the love of GOD. Take "Radical Kindness" for example. "Kindness has converted more sinners than zeal, eloquence, and learning." (Frederick Faber.)

As I look forward to the ever increasing acceleration that lies ahead, "far beyond

what I can think or imagine," I have a caution in my spirit that tells me to watch my pride and concentrate on humility. Remember being called didn't make Moses, Gideon, etc important to GOD. They were already important to Him before they were called. We are already important to GOD, important enough for Him to send Jesus to die on our behalf. Let Moses be our example as the humblest man on earth. His meekness led to being perhaps the one who had the closest, most frequent and intimate conversations with GOD since Eden.

Frederick Meyer underscores this danger of pride in success. "As long as there is some thought of personal advantage, some idea of acquiring the praise and commendation of men, some claim of self-aggrandisement, it will simply be impossible to find GOD's purpose concerning us." Thomas Merton adds to this. "Pride makes us artificial and humility makes us real."

His promises are steadfast and true, but our future with Him is not predictable. So we need flexibility because disciples must always accommodate new wine. This is the path to acceleration.

The lion of Judah has yet to be tamed, so acceleration can be a reality!

Ken



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IF MY PEOPLE WILL PRAY.

It is astounding how when we align with the heart of God's word that we are able to appropriate His promises. He goes on to say in 2Ch 7... then 'will I hear from heaven'. We have the wonderful assurance that when we humble ourselves that Father God promises to listen to us and respond. What an honour.



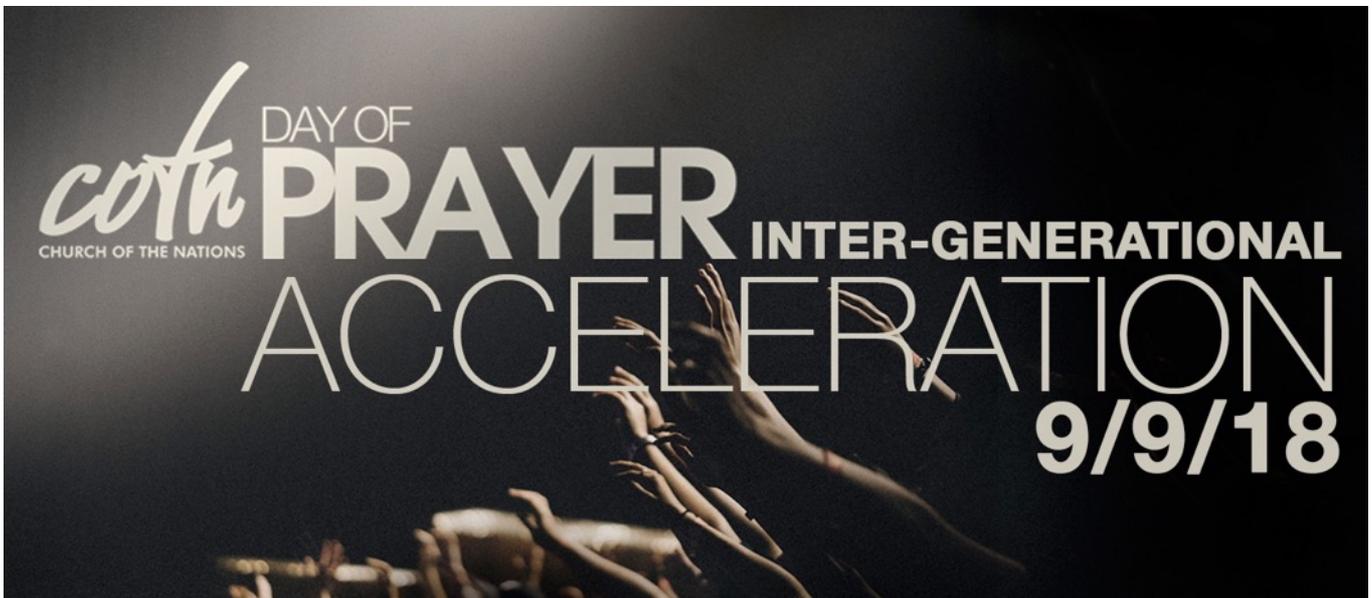
We once again have this opportunity on September 9 as the COTN family to come together and be that people who WILL PRAY.

In this year of ACCELERATION we are trusting the Lord for supernatural circumstances to come to pass according to His word. We are trusting to witness the Father do far more, exceedingly abundantly beyond all that we could ask or think.

So let us join together in faith as we humble ourselves and pray jointly on September 9.

Expectant!

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